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SUBJECT: UGANDANS TO OPEN HIGH COMMISSION IN LAGOS

1. UGANDA IS TO OPEN RESIDENT HIGH COMMISSION IN LAGOS. MINI-STRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (MEA) OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT UGANDANS, WHOSE HIGH COMMISSIONER IN ACCRA IS ALSO ACCREDITED TO NIGERIA, HAD DECIDED TO MOVE THEIR MISSION FROM ACCRA IN RESPONSE TO GHANAIAAN CLOSURE ITS HIGH COMMISSION IN KAMPALA. ACCORDING TO MEA, FMG HAS GIVEN ITS OFFICIAL ASSENT TO THE MOVE AND ADDITION-ALLY HAS AGREED TO REPRESENT UGANDA IN GHANA.

2. FMG ACTION COMES IN WAKE OF GROWING CRITICISM OF UGANDAN REGIME (LAGOS 5756). UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS STUDENTS UNION YESTER-DAY JOINED THE RANKS OF AMIN'S DETRACTORS. IN PUBLIC STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA, STUDENTS UNION URGED FMG TO PREVENT OPENING UGANDAN HIGH COMMISSION IN LAGOS. DESCRIBING AMIN'S REGIME AS A "ONE MAN TYRANNY...DESPOTIC, CRUDE AND CROOKED," STATEMENT HAILED GHANA'S SUSPENSION OF RELATIONS AS "PROGRESSIVE STEP" TAKEN IN REACTION TO "THE RECKLESS MASS
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MURDER OF INNOCENT AFRICANS." STUDENTS SAID "NIGERIA NO DOUBT WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH A BARREN MONSTER TO USE HER (NIGERIA) AS A BASTION WHEN SHE (UGANDA) FACES WORLD ISOLATION AND DESERVED CONDEMNATION FOR SENSELESS MURDERS."

3. IT DOES NOT APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT CRITICISM OR STUDENT

PETITION WILL ALTER NIGERIAN DECISION. FMG MANITAINS HIGH
COMMISSION IN KAMPALA AND CAN HARDLY REFUSE PERMIT FELLOW MEMBER
OF OAU TO OPEN A MISSION IN LAGOS. IT MAY EVEN BE THAT FMG
BELIEVES IT CAN EXERT A MODERATING INFLUENCE ON AMIN THROUGH A
RESIDENT HIGH COMMISSIONER.
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